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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Announcing ANA's
First Recycling Fair
Sat Oct 8 from 9 am to
noon in the Gullett
back parking lot
(see page 23 for more info)**

Fourth of July recap

Laura Beck

The 57th Annual Allandale Fourth of July Parade was awesome! It was a bit of an overcast morning so not as hot as it could have been –phew!– and a great group of folks gathered! Every year, I marvel at how young Allandale is getting, such fun new families with little ones. This year

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First Austin Student Admitted to Guildhall School of Music and Drama in its 136 Year History

Pamela Gratehouse

Wyatt Martin, my young neighbor on Woodview and a 2015 graduate of McCallum High School's Fine Arts Academy (and Lamar 2011), has been accepted into the Guildhall School of Music & Drama in London for the fall of 2016. He is one of only 30 drama students accepted out of 2700 applicants worldwide. Wyatt auditioned first in New York in January (the weekend of the big blizzard!), then with the last round of 100 in London in early May. He learned two weeks later, on a phone call with Guildhall, that he'd been accepted.

Guildhall is considered one of the top performing arts schools in the world with notable grads including Orlando Bloom, Daniel Craig, Michelle Dockery from

National Night Out (NNO), Tuesday October 4, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Laura DiCarlo

Cooler temperatures and National Night Out (NNO) will be here before our next newsletter. During NNO, residents in neighborhoods throughout Austin and the nation are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors, and spend the evening out-

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Pool Looks Back- and Forward

Leslie Pool

It's been just a little less than two years since the new 10-1 City Council was sworn into office, but what an eventful two years it's been– filled with learning, a lot of hard work, and some very long nights.

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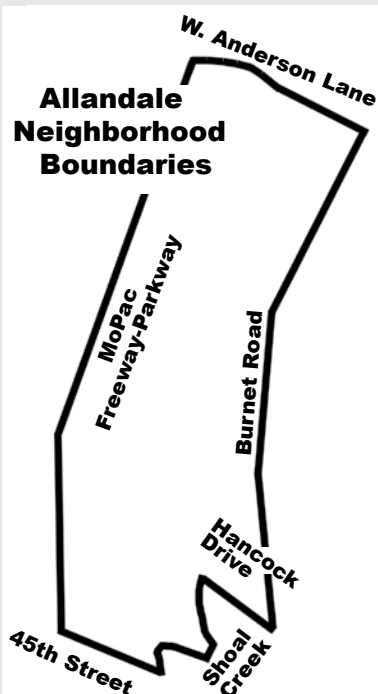
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President's Letter

Mike Nink, 512.656.0058 or allandale.neighborhood@gmail.com

As my term as president of the Allandale Neighborhood Association comes to a close I would like to express my extreme gratitude to each member of the Executive Committee and the Committee Chairs for all the work they have done over the past year. If you know them or see them on the street, say thank you because this neighborhood is a much better place because of the work they are doing. Once you do that, ask them how you can help. There are eleven people who make the neighborhood association work. Imagine what we could do with twice that many with everyone just donating a few hours of time each month.

Kata Carbone and Ranleigh Hirsh: your devotion and commitment in protecting the interest of Allandale and our neighbors with the Austin Oaks and Grove PUDs is nothing short of truly spectacular. Your battles are measured in years with decks that stacked against you and ground that is constantly shifting but your perseverance is making a true difference for the better.

Laura DiCarlo: I honestly don't know what we would do without you as our Safety Committee Chair. Your genuine concern for the safety of our neighbors, your commitment to the neighborhood, whether it is painting over graffiti at the Pony Fields or working with APD on increased patrols, is unmatched.

Laura Beck: Words have no way to express how grateful I am for all the work you did on the Website, keeping our meetings running smoothly, and of course

the endless amount of time you put into this newsletter.

Jean Latsha and Allan McMurtry: Thank you both for keeping tabs on the zoning issues that are impacting the neighborhood. Allan, like Ranleigh and Kata, your work is measured in years with constantly changing rules and players so you have my sincere appreciation for staying with this when most people would have given up.

Kyle McAden: When you volunteered, I don't think you had any idea how much work you were signing up for. But as the organizer for the neighborhood Garage Sale and Fourth of July Parade I sincerely thank you for making this all happen.

Elliot Brubaker: I've known you for over 20 years, it has been a pleasure working with you again. Thank you for keeping our books organized and working on modernizing our membership dues process.

Carla Penny, Scott Ehlers, and Marshall Thompson: Thank you for always being there to keep us organized, for asking the difficult questions, and serving a voice of reason. I look forward to seeing what you all accomplish the years to come.

Caroline Reynolds and Steve Zettner: I know you would probably stay if term limits allowed so I would like to thank you both for your time and commitment to the ANA over the years. Steve, thank you for always raising your hand to volunteer. Caroline, thank you for your work with the Neighborhood Council this past year and the years of service before that.

And finally, we want to keep our

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our streets. We Need You. We need you to renew your membership in the Association— only through our strength in numbers can we influence decisions at City

Hall. We need you to volunteer, show-up and get involved.

Sincerely,
Mike Nink ❖

BUG OFF! Dead spots in the lawn? Look for chinch bugs

Wizzie Brown

Chinch bugs often appear in Texas lawns during hot, dry conditions. Usually damage starts in sunny locations or near driveway and sidewalk areas. Damage appears as irregular dead patches in the lawn surrounded by yellowing or dying grass. Chinch bug damage can be mistaken for other lawn problems like white grubs or fungal diseases, so confirmation of chinch bug activity is needed before choosing proper treatment.

So how do you tell if you have chinch bugs? The easiest way is to look for the insects. One way to look is to cut both ends out of a can, push it into the ground using a twisting motion and then fill the can with water for about 10 minutes and wait for any bugs to float to the top.

Another way would be to get down on your hands and knees and part the grass to look for the insects. For both methods, samples should be taken in the damaged (yellowed grass), not dead, grass areas.

Chinch bugs are small (about 1/5 of an inch as adults; immatures are smaller). Adults are black with white wings containing triangular markings. Nymphs, or immatures, are yellowish or pinkish with a light colored band across their body. Nymphs do not have fully developed wings.

Treatment is usually a liquid or granular formulation. Liquid formulations are often bottles that attach to the end of the garden hose or concentrates that you mix with water in a tank sprayer. Granular

formulations are applied with push spreaders and need to be watered in after treatment.

Treatment should be applied to the area where damage is occurring and several feet out from the damaged area; the entire yard does not have to be treated. All label instructions should be read and followed before and during the treatment.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512-854-9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com. ❖



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Throughout my time as your District 7 representative on the Council, I have worked to improve the quality of life for our communities and to ensure Austin remains a place where people want to live and raise a family. The work hasn't always been easy –Austin still faces a number of really tough challenges– but I believe my colleagues and I have also taken some important steps forward, including:

- Investing in “low-cost, high-impact” mobility projects, such as new sidewalks in and around District 7 neighborhoods, traffic calming measures for Shoalwood Avenue, and pedestrian lights to help our residents cross Allandale Road and Burnet Road;
- Investing in much-needed improvements to Northwest Pool that will significantly extend its life. I was proud to help celebrate the culmination of decking repairs and other needed improvements, a result of funding I added to our current city budget;
- Improving our parks, playgrounds, and facilities so they are safe and accessible to all Austin residents, including investments in Lucy Reed Park;
- Restoring our libraries to their full pre-recession service levels, a measure I was proud to champion;
- Increasing the city's homestead exemption to 8 percent, up from the 6 percent exemption we approved last year;
- Establishing task forces to examine Austin's community engagement policies and its flood mitigation strategies and make recommendations on ways to improve both;

- Reforming the city's lobbyist and campaign finance reporting rules to close loopholes and improve transparency; and
- Ensuring that the Austin Police Department maintains a police presence in our neighborhoods during major events like South by Southwest.

And that's just a few of the things my colleagues and I have been working on. In the coming weeks, we'll be considering a resolution I'm sponsoring to establish a comprehensive strategy for fighting graffiti, we'll review and pass a city budget for the coming fiscal year, we'll vote on an Austin Energy rate case, and we'll consider placing the most ambitious mobility bond in recent city history on the ballot for this November.

This latter plan includes proposals to build out sidewalks in our communities and make significant investments in Burnet Road and North Lamar that will improve safety and mobility for residents of all different ages and abilities.

There is still much work ahead to meet the challenges of the day. We see proof in Allandale and our surrounding neighborhoods that Austin continues to grow and change at every turn, which makes it all the more important for us to work together to preserve our neighborhoods and the special places that we all cherish. ❖

First Austin Student Admitted to Guildhall School of Music and Drama in its 136 Year History

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Downton Abbey and Ewan McGregor. According to Guildhall, Wyatt is the first student from Austin –or from Texas– admitted to their drama school in their nearly 140 year history.

From the Editor: Talk about Local Boy Does Good! This is such an honor for Wyatt, but also for McCallum, and Allandale! Congratulations to Wyatt and his family and thank you to Pamela for being such a champion of OUR local champion! ❖

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National Night Out (NNO), Tuesday October 4, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

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side with their neighbors, police officers, firefighters and EMS paramedics.

Most communities nationwide do their NNO in August, but due to the heat in Austin, APD moves ours to the first Tuesday in October every year. Events such as cookouts, block parties and neighborhood walks will all occur throughout the city on Tuesday, Oct. 4 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

According to the City of Austin website, NNO is designed to


1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness,

2. Generate support and participation in crime efforts,
3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations, and
4. Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

This year's National Night Out Kick-Off Event will take place lakeside at the Mueller Airport Lake on Saturday, October 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information about National Night

Out visit www.nnoaustin.org.

Allandale block captains organize parties in our neighborhood. If you were not invited to a party last year it may be because you do not have a block captain. Please contact Allandale Neighborhood Watch Coordinator/ Safety Chair Laura DiCarlo before September 8 (registration closes September 9) at 512-529-1701 or lhdicarlo@yahoo.com to organize a party. ❖



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Gullett Good News

Debbie Trominski

Gullett is a school like no other place and it's been a busy summer at Gullett. You may have noticed that we are under construction. Over the summer months, all of the classrooms and gym received new HVAC systems as part of the voter approved 2013 bond project. This bond also included a much needed update and expansion to our library. Library renovations are now well underway and will continue into the school year. The new library will include a new conference room, circulation desk, ADA accessible restroom and all new furnishings. We anticipate the project will be completed by the end of 2016. In the meantime, it is business as usual (although on a smaller scale) for Ms. Gooch and the Gullett library in our temporary library located near the blacktop.

This past spring, Gullett won an Austin Ed Fund Innovation grant for \$6,251.27 to build a Tinker/STEAM/Maker Space! It will be located next to the current computer lab and available for all classes at the

start of the school year. It will have building materials, a green screen set up, tablets, laptops, and lots of space to build and run exciting projects. Thanks to the generous support of our PTA there will be additional money for consumables, materials, curriculum and technology here and around the school. Thanks to Anne Jarriel, Gregg DeAtley and all our amazing science and technology teachers for making this dream come true for the Gullett community.

This fall, Gullett is proud to be celebrating 60 years as part of the Allandale community! We will be hosting a 1950s style carnival on Saturday September 24, 2016 from noon to 4:00 p.m. We will have lots of food, games, live music and a few surprises. We will have Gullett memorabilia from throughout the years

so we hope to see lots of alumni to share stories of their years at Gullett. We hope the entire neighborhood will come out and celebrate this exciting milestone with us. For more information and to read our spotlights on former students and teachers, visit our website at gullett-geckos.com/gullett-elementary-60th-anniversary/.

If you have a business that would be interested in sponsoring the Gullett 60th, please email us at gullett60years@gmail.com.

The first day of school is Monday, August 22,

and the Friday before that is the always-exciting Meet the Teacher event. From 11:30-1:30 on August 19, stop by to meet your teacher and get familiar with your new classroom. Be sure to stop by the PTA's Popsicle social in the cafeteria

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during Meet the Teacher. All are welcome to come by to learn more about Gullett's fantastic PTA and how you can be involved in making our school the best it can be. It's also a great way for the kiddos to reacquaint themselves with their old buddies before classes begin again.

As a reminder, Gullett can benefit from your online shopping sprees. As back-to-school shopping reaches its crescendo and rolls in to holiday shopping, please remember to use the Amazon.com link that gives 4-8% of your purchase expenditures to the Gullett PTA. When you visit Amazon simply go to the site via this link:

<http://www.amazon.com/?tag=gullettgeckos-20> (Note only one "t" in "gullett"). Bookmark it! Anyone can use this link— so pass it on to all your friends and family who love Gullett and its Geckos. More information about Amazon School Rewards is available on Gullett's website at GullettGeckos.com.

Upcoming Events:

August 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Back-to-School Skate Party

August 19, 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.: Meet the Teacher, PTA Popsicle Social

August 22: First day of classes. Tardy bell at 7:45!

September 5: Labor Day (no school)

September 24: Gullett's 60th Anniversary Celebration

October 10: Parent-teacher conference day (no school for kids) ❖

Happy 60th Anniversary Gullett!

Laura Beck

We continue to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Gullett all 2016! Here is another interview with one of Gullett's first students in 1956, conducted by two of our recently graduated from fifth grade Gecko alumni! In addition to the newsletter, watch the Gullett website, <http://gullettgeckos.com/>, under the 60th Anniversary tab, for more information and fun profiles. And mark your calendars now for the Saturday, September 24 celebration for all! ❖

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Neighbor Spotlight: Gullett's First Students: Georgann Busby Reynolds

Daryn Gonzales and Ben Johnson

Georgann Busby is a former Gullett student who lives on Shoalwood. She started living at this same address when she was five years old in 1951, before Gullett even opened! She moved away for only a few years around the time she was in college at Southwest Texas State. So Georgann has seen a lot of changes in the neighborhood. When she was a kid in Allandale it felt very young and there were lots of DPS and law enforcement employees living in the neighborhood. Her family came to Allandale from Dallas when her dad got transferred for his job with DPS.

Georgann lived in Allandale for a few years before Gullett opened and during that time she went to school at Highland Park. Gullett didn't open at the beginning of the school year, so all the kids went to Highland Park until Gullett opened half-way through the school year in 1956. The school was built right outside the city

limits. She said it was "very nice." When Georgann started school at Gullett she was in the fourth grade. Georgann's daughter also went to Gullett and when Georgann went back to Gullett as a parent she said, "The building shrunk!"

The first principal was Mr. Jones and there were hall monitors and different rules. No-one was allowed to wear shorts or t-shirts. Her younger brother got sent home from school once to change his shirt because he wore a t-shirt! Another difference was having a class taught by the school nurse. Gullett didn't have pre-k then but it did go through the sixth grade. And classes were bigger. Most had 25-30 kids.

What are some things that were the same as they are now? Gullett had great teachers. Georgann's favorite thing about Gullett was the teachers. Her favorite teachers were Mr. Henderson and Ms. Hill. Her favorite event was the Hallow-

een Carnival and it sounds a lot like our Fall Fest!

As a kid, Georgann liked to play red rover and remembers mostly being outside at school. Once, she and her good friend got their bikes stuck in mud. They had to get to a phone and call Georgann's mom to come pick them up. And they put the muddy bikes in the trunk of her mom's new car. It seems funny now, but probably her mom didn't think so then!

She says Gullett teaches you how to be kind. Georgann went to college to be an accountant and did that work for a little while, but later she changed careers and was a 911 call-taker for seven years. She described some calls for us and it sounds like she was a good problem solver and she was very kind.

Georgann really likes to see her neighbors, so her last wish for us Gullettians is to be outside more. ❖

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All About Lamar

Gina Ross

We are excited to start the new school year at Lamar Middle School and Fine Arts Academy! Our campus continues to grow and thrive. This school year, we will welcome 1050 students back to school in August, up from 970 last year. The incoming sixth grade class tops out at 370, up from 325 sixth graders last year. Sixty-five percent of these students come from the surrounding neighborhood feeder schools, including Gullett, truly making Lamar our neighborhood school.

Lamar is excited to begin our fifth year as AISD's middle school fine arts academy and this year we are excited to introduce several new strands including engineering, computer science, environmental science and law. These strands will offer students a variety of exciting and enriching elective choices.

As we go back to school, please remember that many of our students walk or ride bikes to and from school. Please



observe all traffic rules and be extra observant during drop off and pick up times. Because of changes at the district level, our dismissal time will shift 10 minutes later to 3:40 p.m. As always, we appreciate the neighborhood keeping an eye out for our Scotties as they make their way to and from school each day. It takes a village to keep them safe. ❖

It's Knight Time— McCallum Updates

Jill Whiteside Schavrdra



MacKnightly News and newly updated McCallum HS Website

The McCallum High School website has had a major face lift. It looks great, is well organized and is packed with information. Explore here: <http://mccallumhs.com/>.

MacKnightly News

MacKnightly News is an electronic newsletter from the PTSA which is sent out every Wednesday and Sunday with information on what is happening or is going to happen at McCallum. Sign up for email updates at the bottom of any page of the newly updated website.

First Day of School— August 22, 2016.

Students will find their name on lists posted inside the school that gives them their alpha homeroom assignments. Students go to this classroom first on the first day of school. There they will receive their schedules and first day packet information. Send your child with a notebook and pencil.

Labor Day, No School— Monday, Sep 5, 2016

Back to School Night— September 7, 2016

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low a fast-paced version of their student's bell schedule and become acquainted with teachers and other parents. Great opportunity to gather information about what is expected and where to find more information about their classes.

2016-2017 Austin ISD School Calendar

https://www.austinisd.org/sites/default/files/dept/calendar-planning/docs/AISD_Calendar_2016-2017v4.pdf

Late Start Schedule Link

<http://mccallumhs.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/2016-2017-LATE-STARTS-and-FINALS.pdf>

McCallum Fine Arts Academy Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/mccallum-fineartsacademy>

Movie Music in the Park 2016 featuring Willy Wonka & the

Chocolate Factory– Saturday, September 24 at Mueller Lake Park Amphitheater

Grab a blanket and bring friends and family to the 2016 Movie Music in the Park event. Come before dusk to find a spot. The McCallum Fine Arts Academy Orchestra will play an arrangement of classic movie music to a movie montage on a giant outdoor screen by the lake. Stay for a free screening of Willie Wonka & the Chocolate Factory. Music, food trucks, concessions, free movie and an incredible setting!

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***The McCallum High School Orchestra Booster Club is still accepting sponsorships to help make this magical evening happen. Your tax-deductible donation will directly benefit orchestra students and the orchestra program. Have

your company logo projected in front of many large audiences, featured at the fall and spring fundraisers, included in all orchestra concert programs and advertised on promotional materials throughout the city. Contact Jill Schavrda at Jill@btmreality.com for more information.

MAC Theater 2016-2017 Season

<http://mccallumhs.com/fine-arts-academy/mactheatre-announces-206-2017-season-shows/>

MAC Football Calendar

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Neighborhood Watch

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Since the writing of the June Neighborhood Watch article, the ANA's Safety Committee has monitored crime statistics and the list-serv, been involved with the changes that will take place on Great Northern Boulevard, hosted a Neighborhood Watch info table at the Fourth of July parade, dealt with graffiti, learned of and distributed information about parking violations, and attended a Commanders' Forum. By the time the next newsletter hits doorsteps National Night Out parties will have already occurred.

Crime stats:

In the month of June there were no burglary of residences (BORs). There were three in July, two of which were on Whiteway and the other on Rickey Drive. Electronics and a musical instrument were stolen, and in one of the Whiteway cases a white male was arrested in connection with the burglary. We had one auto/ motorcycle theft (on 49th Street) in June

and two in July (from an apartment on Burnet Road and from the townhomes on Shoal Creek Boulevard between Foster and Anderson). The 10 burglary of vehicles in June and July were at Northwest Park and Pool (two of them), 5808 Burnet Road (HEB parking lot), 2525 West Anderson Lane (Walmart plaza), Foster Lane, 49th Street, Marilyn, Woodview and Shady Oak Court.

There were seven leaving the scene of a crash, mostly in commercial areas. In one of those cases, a resident named Jenny wrote on the list-serv that she had been rear ended by a green Mini Cooper with a white top at Hancock and Bull Creek and to please contact her at jxburke@gmail.com with the license plate number if anyone sees a car with that description.

For more crime data such as thefts/ shoplifting, DWIs, etc. go to http://www.krimelabb.com/_nca1/view/v_neighborhood.php?neighborhood=allandale.

List-serv:

The list-serv was abuzz in the month of June with posts about safety on Great Northern Boulevard. These comments came in response to a call for input regarding possible changes to the street's signage, addition of posts, etc. to create a safer shared space for pedestrians, bikers, and automobiles in light of a lack of a sidewalk for a stretch of the street. I'll talk later in my article of the June 29 meeting and subsequent plan.

Comments on the list-serv also included talk of the thefts from tiny libraries, the posting of a picture of a person caught in the act of stealing from multiple tiny libraries in the city, illegal dumping at the PONY field (suggested a sign at the dumpsters telling people to take their cast-offs to Goodwill), and bike/ car/ pedestrian safety on Shoal Creek Boulevard.

I have three teen sons and a husband who have all been into Pokémon Go, so I

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Fourth of July recap

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introduced me to a lot of future Geckos (I hope!). And each year, our floats get better and better, great to see the creativity—and competition!—in the hood. I was quite glad to see Max back, with some new accessories. Finally, while there was just as much candy being tossed to the crowd, there was far less smashed into the road, and much less trash for your ANA volunteers to pick up after— THANK YOU all!

We also want to thank our amazing boy scouts for leading the parade and presenting our colors so beautifully. And girl scouts for holding our neighborhood banner almost straight some of the time! :) And to the local businesses who give away goodies at the end—Amy's Ice Cream and Taco Shack— we LOVE you and appreciate you! The following businesses also donated goodies for our winners— thank you for your support of Allandale!

Lofty Dog, Top Notch, Little Woodrow's, Pint House Pizza, Noble Pig, Blue Star Cafeteria, 34th Street Café, Hat Creek Burger Company, Santa Rita Tex-Mex Cantina

And special thank you to Kyle McAden of the ANA EC who tirelessly led all Fourth of July efforts and brought together another great day for us all.

Now, without further ado, our 2016 Fourth of July winners! Congrats all and see ya next year!

Animals

- 1st Lucky the Chicken
- 2nd Gully the Cat
- 3rd Chief, Penny, Tut & Isis

Bikes

- 1st Jenna
- 2nd Kate
- 3rd Winter

Trikes

- 1st Alex
- 2nd Caroline

Floats

- 1st Silverleaf Drive
- 2nd Yellowpine Terrace
- 3rd Gullett Elementary PTA

Scooters

- 1st Arden
- 2nd Greyson
- 3rd Violet & Olivia

Strollers

- 1st Amy
- 2nd Jonica & John
- 3rd Danny & Elizabeth

Wagons

- 1st Rose, Aimee, Hannah & Lorna
- 2nd Max & Sarah
- 3rd Rowan

Walkers Group

- 1st American Fanatics, Blake and Asa
- 2nd The Carr Family

Walkers Solo

- 1st Hallie
- 2nd Zachary
- 3rd John

Vehicles

- 1st David Higgins and son, 1973 Stingray Corvette
- 2nd Don Huff and "The Pegram Gang," 1939 Chevrolet Master Deluxe
- 3rd Charley Scarborough, 1953 GMC truck ♦



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Neighborhood Watch

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have listened with great interest to the national news reports of this phenomenon. Discussion of safety issues with people stepping in front of cars, standing in the street to catch Pokémon, and even burglaries that have occurred when folks were lured came up on the list-serv. The majority of the posters, however, agreed the fun and fresh air outweigh any risks and that using common sense, such as looking up from one's screen while crossing the street and not going out alone at night, can keep people safe. I enjoyed going to Northwest Park one evening at 8:00 p.m. with my family to see many community members of all ages enjoying the activity.

Great Northern Boulevard:

The City of Austin's (COA) Active Transportation Department had a meeting at the North Quarry branch library on June 29 at 6:00 p.m. to gather public input regarding a draft proposal that had come from an April meeting of concerned residents and city employees. About 35

people signed in and provided feedback to the city staff. Thanks to COA Active Transportation's Jesse Duncan, Laura Dierenfield, Nathan Wilkes, and Lizzie Welch who were all present to listen to our comments.

The majority of the comments were against posts that were in the original plan, so this aspect of the project was dropped.

According to an email from Jesse Duncan on July 27, the final plan that came from feedback before, during, and after the meeting will include added "pedestrian symbols with arrows along the west side of the path to encourage people walking to use the west side of the path, as they already tend to do. 'Bikes Yield to Peds' signs will be placed along the path. Shared lane use markings will be placed in the travel lanes. These additional signs and markings are intended to set expectations for desired behavior along the path" (see picture). Work is to start very soon. Just after the June 29 meeting Mr. Dun-



Proposed drawing for Great Northern Boulevard

can arranged for a SMADD (speed monitoring and detection device) to be placed along GNB per my request, which was up for a few days to let people know their speed as they traveled on GNB.

Graffiti:

Since the June newsletter, safety committee volunteers have continued to paint over and clean graffiti off of surfaces at the retention pond, NW Park, and on utility boxes. A resident took a photograph of four teens leaving the PONY field the evening of July 26 who may have been associated with the tagging that was still wet as they were leaving the park. A

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police report has been made and pictures were shared with APD.

Parking Violations:

See the separate article in this newsletter that I have written about businesses and parking violations.

Commanders' Forum:

The Region 1 Baker and IDA sector Commanders' Forum occurred on July 27 at Cornerstone Church. The new Commander, Patrick South, explained that Commander Kurtis Krause is now over Internal Affairs and that APD likes to move the commanders around every 18 months. Lieutenant Doug Rice presented about police technology with a focus on body worn cameras (BWCs). He reminded us that the new APD app is not to replace communicating with 311 or 911 but can be used to communicate information both ways. Search Austin Police Department to download from the app store, iTunes, or Amazon.

APD will be deploying 500 cameras in the next six weeks and 1500 over the next 18 months. Cameras will start rolling when an officer steps out of his or her patrol car, or in the case of a bike, foot or horse patrol, the officer will activate the

camera. Activation is required at traffic stops, DWIs, warrant service, investigatory service, and service calls. If anyone is interested I took copious notes and would be happy to share more information than I have space for here.

Commander South said even though APD is 15% short on being fully staffed they have been using overtime to be at 100% due to the shootings in Dallas and Baton Rouge.

I am frustrated to say this has not helped with our district representative (DR) position, which has been vacant since Officer Metteauer was promoted. However, the Baker 2 DR Officer, William Harvey, is covering our area and has already been responsive in cases of neighbor harassment, getting a SMADD in place, and graffiti.

DRs are still handling vehicle abatement which accounts for more than half of their time and takes them away from other community policing tasks. Please let city council know we need abandoned vehicle abatement to go back to Code Compliance so that our DRs can better serve communities.

A resident who attended the forum asked Commander South how we can

show our support during this tough time for police officers. He said Austin is very supportive and didn't have a suggestion as to what we could do, but another resident offered we can pay for a meal of an officer when we see them eating out as a way to say thank you. Some of the DRs have had that happen already and were very appreciative. It's not about the money but the support that it shows.

National Night Out (NNO):

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Pet Corner: Shrinking Violet

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There's something special about shy dogs.

My dog, Violet, who I lost last February, taught me a lot about a wall flower's soul. She was timid from the start, and remained wary of strangers throughout her life. She never ran up to people, or pulled to get to another dog on the street. She didn't like new sounds or new places, either, (although she was always happy to try new foods). She was only fully relaxed in her own home with her own pack.

This is probably why I loved her so much. Not only was she the one of the sweetest and silliest creatures that ever lived, but I was one of the few privileged people who got to experience it. The ZZ Top sounds she made when we rubbed her ears, her mountain goat leaps when she wanted to play, or her cork-screw snout rubs into the blankets when she wanted to cuddle—only my partner and I got to witness these things. Her love and trust were rare, and because of that she

was all the more precious to us.

Shy dogs aren't always the easiest pets, but most are well worth it. They require a different set of skills and attitudes than their more gregarious relatives. While a lot of dogs will come to you if you use a friendly voice, shy dogs might turn away from such an invitation, or try to escape you—even after you've known them for a while. They may startle easily, especially when you present them with anything they haven't seen, heard or smelled before. Perhaps worst of all, they may remain perpetually mistrustful of the things you can offer them to make their lives better, and it's easy to become frustrated.

Don't.

There's a trick for working with shy dogs that you may not know about, and it isn't patience or time. It isn't gentle gestures, or low, soothing tones either, although these help too. No, the trick for working with many shy dogs is to take your focus off the dog and put it onto

what you want the dog to do.

If you want to make friends with a shy dog, don't invade her space. Instead, create a nice little area a few feet away from the dog where she can see and hear you, and then let the dog come over and join you there when she is ready. Don't look at the dog, or invite her to join you with too many words and hand gestures. Instead, focus on where you are. Feel the floor you're sitting on with your hand, look at the tiny bit of grit caught in your shoe, sniff the wall. With the attention taken off herself, the shy dog may soon want to know what's so interesting about where you're sitting, and will want to examine it too; then the two of you can explore the space together.

If you want to introduce new objects to a shy dog, like toys, leashes or nail clippers, show interest in them yourself. Don't offer the objects to the dog at first, but instead, handle them yourself and let the dog see you doing so.

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Likewise, to get a shy dog to come when you call, focus more on where you are, not where she is. To get her comfortable on a leash, walk where you want to go and let her follow along.

Dogs are pack animals, and shy dogs are keenly aware of this in everything they do. These dogs have no desire to be leaders; they want to do what everyone else is doing, to follow along. Give them clear, loving signals of what the pack wants (even if that pack consists of only you), and most shy dogs will likely join in quickly and willingly. Soon you'll have a dog that knows just as many behaviors as her more outgoing friends, but who also shares with you a profound sense of gratitude and peace of mind in your company. Shy dogs feel a sense of belonging like no other creatures on earth.

[Please note: these methods will not work for every shy dog. Dogs who have experienced trauma may never want to participate in certain groups or activities. Others may be sick or in pain. These training tools are just a starting point to help determine if your dog is simply timid, or if something more serious may be going on, in which case you may also want to seek the help of a professional behaviorist or veterinarian.] ❖

site for apartments might need anywhere from five to 25 acres of land. This is an obvious consideration, but it is clearly a limiting factor. Then there is the ability to actually purchase the land. Although a developer might miraculously stumble upon a perfectly flat, rectangular 15-acre site that doesn't have any environmental issues, the current owner of the land may not want to sell, or may be asking a very high price, or may want to close very quickly. It's not so much that a developer doesn't see the potential in a site. But

whether or not he is able to purchase and develop that site is often not ultimately in his power. So he keeps hunting.

With respect to affordable housing, it is all about the financing, because (as discussed in the previous article) it is the HTC award that allows the development to actually be affordable. So what is required in order to be eligible for an award of HTCs?

To answer that question we should first understand that some of those require-

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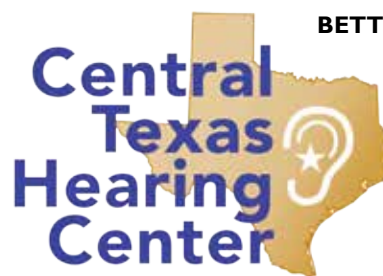
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Not Everything (but at least a few things) We Should Know About Affordable Housing (Part 2)

Jean Latsha

We left off with a developer who is trying to obtain an award of housing tax credits (HTCs) in order to finance affordable multifamily housing. And we were asking the question— why did the developer choose that site? First let's look at some considerations like is there a market for it? (In the case of affordable housing, there is usually significant need since it is lacking across the country, and in Texas the demand requirements are quite strict.) Second, a developer looking for a



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Not Everything (but at least a few things) We Should Know About Affordable Housing (Part 2)

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ments are policy decisions made by the TDHCA, some are state law, and some are federal law. For example, TDHCA requires that a HTC development in an urban area be within a one-mile radius of six “community assets,” which include things like a grocery store, pharmacy, childcare, etc. TDHCA does not require proximity to public transportation. (This is something that is often discussed when affordable housing developments are being opposed. Without going off on a tangent, I will just add that there are valid reasons for that policy.) These policies are continually being perfected, and rules developed to implement those policies are revised on an annual basis. There are hundreds of pages of rules regarding the program—some related directly to the location of the housing like the ones above, some related to the financial feasibility of the development, some related to

the capacity of the developer. But all of those rules must be considered by the developer. And all of them in some way limit the developer’s options with respect to choosing a site.

Many of TDHCAs rules are based in state law. For example, law requires that TDHCA incentivize affordable housing in census tracts where no other HTC developments exist. Census tracts are determined by the Census Bureau and at times their boundaries seem random, although they do typically follow “identifiable and visible” features. But that also means that a developer might be incentivized to be in one neighborhood over another, or even on one side of a street as opposed to another. Similarly, federal law dictates that developments in certain census tracts will be eligible for additional HTCs, thereby making developments in those tracts more financially feasible. While a gut reaction to this is that developers are just greedy and looking for more credits, what it also means is that developments located in those tracts may not need to tap local resources (like tax exemptions) in order to provide gap financing. Instead, if developers can find sites in those tracts they may be able to

make the deal work without using any local resources.

This is not to say that developers never choose bad sites. Sometimes they do. But often times their choices are simply limited and so the sites seem less than perfect. The trick is to balance the need for affordable housing with the desire for a perfect site. And we can help shape the policies that strike that balance by providing comments to TDHCA and our elected officials. That comment is always well received if there is understanding of the issues, so I hope this was a little helpful in that regard. ♦

Allandale Outside: Garden Activities for Fall

Ginger Soule

First a report on the tomato ripening project. Sadly, the project literally came out of the ground when the June wind storm and rain blew over the tomato cages, uprooting the plants. I tried to reset them, but they never recovered very well. Fruits were few & scrawny so I can’t



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really tell if the red netting hastened ripening.

Now we are almost out of time to prune both roses (except climbers which get pruned after bloom in spring), fall (shrub) asters and Greggii sage for renewed fall bloom. If yours need pruning, do it right away. Up to one-third of each plant can be removed. Chrysanthemums need only tip pruning. Fall is also the best time to plant trees and shrubs.

For several vegetables we are past the best time to plant seeds, so look to transplants for items such as melons, squash and broccoli, etc. Starting in late September, if we've cooled off a bit (later if not) you can seed in carrots, various lettuces, other leafy greens, beets, cool weather herbs such as borage, cilantro/coriander (best from seeds), leaf celery (stalk celery doesn't do well here), and onion seeds, actually only the 1015 (Y for yellow) which is designed to be planted on October 15. Onion sets are available and

planted in January. The 1015Y (an A&M development) is not a good keeping onion and must be used fairly soon after harvest. Certain varieties available in January are good storing onions. More about variety names and how to do that in a later column.

Also in October, plant organic shallots and garlic, and from nurseries, chives and leeks, if desired. Remember grocery store garlic and shallots must be organic or it won't grow. Onion family plants are some of my most successful veggies. Local nurseries will have sproutable garlic. Mid October through early November is pea planting time. Peas take approximately three months to start blooming and producing, longer than many others, but they're sooo good.

There is much information useful to gardeners on the subject of companion planting— more than can be covered here. Some plants enhance the growth of their neighbors, others inhibit others' growth.

Strawberries and spinach grow well together, whereas peas don't co-exist well with onion family members, potatoes or gladiolus. Strawberries are grown from plants not seeds and are available from local nurseries which (unlike the box stores) carry varieties that will work here and are available in the fall

For this and other in-depth information useful to gardeners, I invite you to attend meetings of Austin Organic Gardeners which meets the second Monday of each month except October and December. One needn't be a member to attend. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting starts at 7:30. We have expert gardeners on hand to answer gardening questions; and, before the meeting, a table of free information handouts on various aspects of gardening, such as best vegetable varieties for Travis County, companion planting, and dealing with pests and diseases organically. Come and join us! ❖

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Allandale Eating– and Meeting! Russell's Bakery: Perfect Meeting Place

Caroline Reynolds

Russell's Bakery opened at the corner of Hancock Drive and Balcones Drive in 2000, serving up hot coffee and bakery delights all day long. Russell Milner, the owner, is an Allandale neighbor who supports neighborhood activities.

Russell's serves hot and cold tea and house coffee, as well as espressos, lattes and cappuccinos, all of which are complemented by his fresh-baked scones and sweet pastries.

Grab one of the many table to sit with friends and visit and plan– you are welcome to linger until near lunchtime.

Traffic picks up as noon approaches and new groups come to visit over lunch or take a break from work. Russell's serves fresh sandwiches, salads and soups. We love the chicken salad or tuna salad sandwiches on whole wheat bread, with lettuce, tomato and a Chicago-style pickle spear. They also serve also a pimiento

cheese sandwich and melted cheese on toast.

For a lighter option, try a garden or Caesar salad. The more adventurous will enjoy the Greek salad or the farmhouse salad, with mandarin oranges, kiwi, berries, avocado and spice-roasted walnuts on romaine. They also serve scoops of chicken or tuna salad on a garden salad or even alone.

When you cannot make up your mind choose a combo with two of the three: soup, salad or half a sandwich, with chips, salsa and a pickle spear. Their tomato basil soup is great and is served every day, along with another soup option. This is a great lunch that won't make you sleepy.

Before you leave, grab a scone or cookie for your afternoon break or check the sale table for day-old scones for breakfast tomorrow. ♦

More Allandale Eating

Laura Beck

Just some quick updates in the hood. We lost another "Fork" restaurant. First Fork and Taco. Now Fork and Vine. Perhaps a bad luck word in a restaurant name?

Pour House is back open with a similar menu but a very different vibe. The inside is dark and almost cold and really loud. Lots of concrete and screens. But the outside, if not too hot to bear, is a nice patio for hanging out.

Next to our hipster strip of Bufalina, Lick and Barley Swine, the new construction at 6500 Burnet will be a north location of Flyrite, a drive thru chicken shop. You can check out the one already opened on East 7th. They say its fast food you can feel good about: sandwiches, wraps, nuggets, shakes. And yes, they are going right after our beloved Chick-Fil-A. And it seems, it's a drive-thru or walk up with BEER! Yes, even growlers. I'm intrigued!

And the favorite of my girls, another South Austin spot on West Annie, La Patisserie Allandale is now open right

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Identity Theft 101

Texas Legal

Sadly, more and more people are realizing Identity Theft is an issue they may face, and they may need legal support if affected.

Texas Legal, the nonprofit that has been offering legal insurance to Texans for 40+ years, has partnered with AllClear ID, a technology leader in the identity protection market, to provide its members identity repair services, monitoring and restoration. If affected, a licensed investigator goes to work on your behalf to restore your credit to its accurate state.

It's a big and growing problem.

According to the FTC (Federal Trade Commission), there are more than 9 million victims of identity theft in the U.S.

every year. That's about nine out of every 300 people, so there is a good chance you or someone you know has been affected or will be affected. There are various ways a thief can use your personal information, including misusing your Social Security number, making purchases with your lost or stolen credit cards, using your checking account or fraudulently opening an account in your name, among others.

While many identity crimes are about buying something on someone else's dime, that's not all identity thieves can do with your information. These days, thieves are also using your information to get medical services (called medical identity theft) or to obtain a job (employment fraud). Both can cause serious repercussions for your future, including the denial of medical benefits or your dream job.

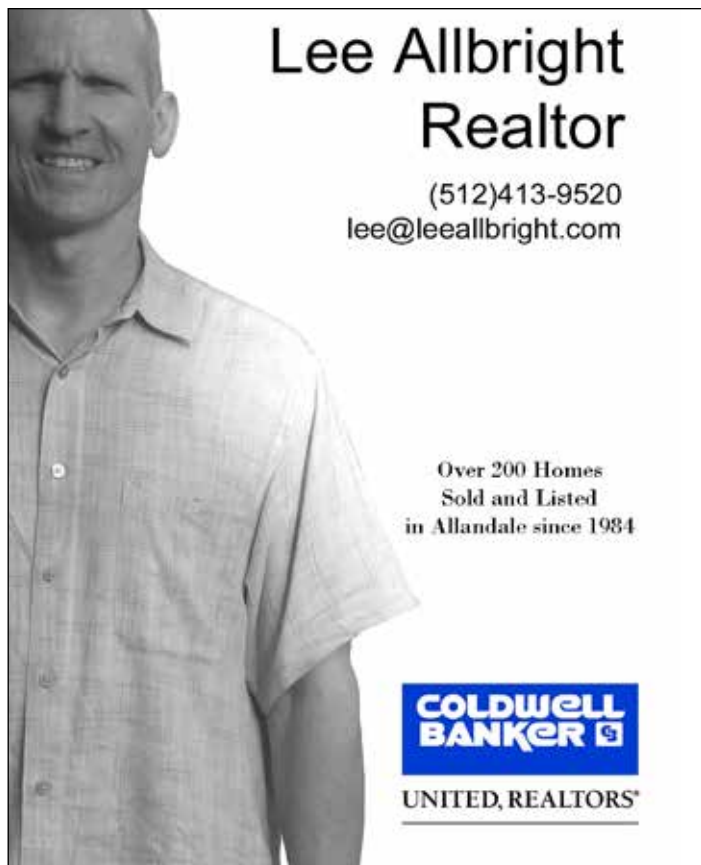
Often, sadly, many victims of identity theft actually know the person who perpetrated the theft. It could be an employee, a neighbor or even a family member. Be very wary of sharing your accounts, usernames, passwords, social security numbers or other personal information with anyone. Older adults are particularly vulnerable to having their information stolen by caregivers who abuse their trust.

While we generally think of identity theft victims as adults –stolen credit cards, email passwords, data breaches, etc.- **children are actually much more likely to be victims of identity theft.** AllClearID data shows children are 35 times more likely to have their identity compromised. This is because children have clear credit histories which are easy to take advantage of. And, no one is paying attention, so the theft can go on for years before someone notices and intervenes.

So What Can You Do?

Personal information is a valuable commodity. Knowing how to protect your information –and your identity– is a must in the 21st century and can help reduce your risk of identity theft. Texas Legal shares these six tips:

- Keep your personal information secure online. If you post too much information about yourself on social media networking sites, an identity thief can find information about your life, use it to answer “challenge” questions on your accounts, and get access to your bank accounts and other information.
- Keep your personal information secure offline. Review account activity regularly, not just when statements come out. When you order new checks, don't have them mailed to your home unless you have a secure mailbox with a lock. Destroy labels on prescription bottles before you throw them out.
- Properly dispose of devices. Before you dispose of a computer, use a wipe utility program to overwrite the entire hard drive. Before you dispose of a mobile device, check the service provider's website or device manufacturer's website on how to delete information permanently.
- Safeguard your Social Security number. Ask questions before deciding to share it, including if you can use a different kind of identification. Safeguard the social security numbers of your children and their confidential information too.
- Keep your devices secure. Don't use an automatic log-in feature that saves your username and password. Always log off your laptop when you are finished. Before you send personal information over your laptop, tablet or smart phone on a public wireless network, see if your information is protected. If you use an encrypted website, it protects only the information you send to and from that site. If you use a secure wireless network, all the information you send on that network is protected.
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Confessions of a 45 Year Old Jazzerciser!

Laura Beck

Note, I first wrote this article when I was 40, five years and many classes ago. Each year since, I'm proud to say I did at least 150 classes a year, and today, as summer winds down, I'm sitting at over 80 classes so far in 2016! Please join me and a great group of folks –yes even

some guys!– at the Northwest Recreation Center anytime!

It is time I came clean. I Jazzercise. I am the child of a Jazzerciser. My Mom, now 67, has probably been Jazzercising since 1982, 30 years. And so, I've hit a class or two over the past few decades, mostly to indulge my Mom and some girl QT, or so I said.

Last year was pretty weak with my excuses of balancing two active kids, and working, and all those lame reasons we give to put ourselves last, not work out, be lazy. This year, I quietly made a resolution to do more, work out, take better care of myself. Perhaps it was 40 yelling at me: "your bone density will only degrade from here!" Whatever it was, I'm trying my darndest to be in class at least two times a week (hey, cut me some slack, this is a huge improvement over NOTHING)

But what I kept finding myself doing was whispering that I go to Jazzercise, being sheepish, or kind of making fun of myself when it came up in conversation. Well NO MORE.

I JAZZERCISE and I'm proud of it!
Yesterday, when I looked around that

room, the class full of amazing women giving it their all, and the lot of us, in great harmony and rhythm, I decided it's time to come clean, and be proud. Jazzercise is pretty darn amazing, and the women –all ages, all sizes, all skills– who Jazzercise are even more amazing. J'adore!

It's a great, HARD work out. I sweat. A lot. I hurt the next day. It's fun, it's hip and current. YOU HEARD ME. We are sweating to Usher, Gaga, LMFAO, Pitbull, Enrique, JLo and others every class. I regularly hear a song FIRST at Jazzercise. I'm serious. It's a great, sweet community, supportive and inclusive of everyone at every level and skill. And it's very affordable.

Hip and current! Poor Jazzercise. It gets this terrible rep of being right there with Jane Fonda, Aerobics and the 80s. Wrong! Jazzercise was started right around when I was born. Judi Sheppard Missett stated Jazzercise in 1969. Do you know what else happened in 1969? Amazing things! First man on the moon with Neil Armstrong, Woodstock, the creation of ARPANET (which became the Internet),



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and the establishment of PBS. Oh, and Jennifer Aniston was born.

Jazzercise has gone the distance, for over 40 years. My mother looks amazing

at 67 years old and did over 150 classes last year. Her lazy daughter is getting there and determined to keep it up. I'm also determined to no longer be sheepish

or make fun, but be proud to say "I JAZZERCISE!" ❖

Illegal Parking

Laura DiCarlo

Have you ever noticed cars parked on the sidewalk on Richcreek or Greenlawn just west of Burnet Road? Businesses that border our neighborhood occasionally park vehicles along the curb, over the sidewalks, and in the apron, which is a code violation. It forces pedestrians into the street and blocks the view for cars approaching the intersection.

An Allandale resident who is a block captain brought this problem to my attention, noting that it is a quality of life issue and a real annoyance that businesses are taking advantage of these areas to park in ways that inconvenience others, look junky, and make the area less safe. The Allandale NA Executive Committee thought an article in the newsletter would be a great way to raise awareness.

I was told the worst offender is United Auto Group (7120 Burnet Rd, at Greenlawn and Burnet) so I went to check it out. Sure enough the day I visited there was a car parked on the Greenlawn sidewalk. I spoke with part owner TC Carpenter who was very friendly and said someone had just dropped off that car and it would be moved immediately. It was gone when I drove by 20 minutes later, but when I checked an hour later

another car was parked in that location and it remained there an hour and a half after that. According to the block captain who informed me of the problem, she has spoken to another owner at United Auto Group, and Code Compliance has visited on several occasions.

The neighboring business at 2413 Greenlawn has a car that consistently parks over the sidewalk, and businesses on Richcreek are doing the same (Lucas Tire & Auto at 7430 Burnet Road and ABA Appliance at 2409 Richcreek Road). The concern is that the practice is spreading as businesses see that United is getting away with it, and the worry is that Charles Maund, Austin Auto Group, Roger Beasley and others will follow suit.

According to a code compliance officer in the commercial division who has been involved in more than one complaint against United Auto Group in the last six months, code officers can give out sight plan violations, but this is primarily a right-of-way issue and code can't get involved in right of way. Therefore, the Code Compliance officer has called upon the City of Austin's Right-of-Way Management Division for follow up. He noted it is true that customers returning vehicles



are often guilty, but he has suggested to businesses that they cone off areas in which they don't want people to park or rearrange their lots to create more parking.

A Greenlawn resident told me when United Auto Group first opened they let soaps and chemicals used to clean the cars run off in the city sewers and drains. That behavior ended when the resident complained and the city warned United of the violation. Reporting offending actions does make a difference.

So the takeaway is please don't park on sidewalks or in the apron, and if you see violations please report them. You can call 311 to submit reports, or better yet, use the 311 app or the following URL so you can submit pictures with your complaints: <https://austin-csrprodawi.motorolasolutions.com/Home.mvc/Index>. ❖

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